IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1, 2, 11 and 12 by rewriting the same as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A cleaning device comprising:

a cleaning member, said cleaning member having a first surface, said surface having synthetic loops;

a base plate, said base plate having a plurality of T-shaped projections for gripping said first surface of said cleaning member, said projections having a reasonably stiff top segment, said top segment having a substantially straight upper surface, a lower surface and opposing ends, said opposing ends extend from said top segment by a predefined distance, said opposing ends capable of being repetitively gripped and released from said first surface of said cleaning member, and a reasonably stiff intermediate section, said intermediate section connected to said top segment at the midpoint of said lower surface of said top segment, said intermediate section separating said top segment from said base plate by a predefined distance;

an ergonomic handle, said handle including a grasping means, said grasping means having: i. a substantially curved ~~contoured~~ top surface that is curved throughout and configured in such a manner as to closely conform to the curvature of the inside of a grasping human hand, ii. a bottom surface and iii. an outermost circumference;

a column, said column connecting the base plate to the handle, the column having a diameter and an outer surface; and

a channel formed between ~~a~~ the bottom surface of said handle, the outermost circumference of the handle, the column and said base plate, said channel is configured in such a manner as to accept at least part of a user's fingers when the handle is grasped from above and said ~~contoured~~ curved top surface is adapted to allow for an ergonomically firm grip, whereby the channel has a depth defined by the outmost circumference of the handle and the outer edge of the column, the depth being at least equal to the diameter of the column, ~~; and~~

~~a connector, said connector connecting the base plate to the handle,~~

whereby the ~~connector~~ column is capable of being disengaged for the placement of different shaped ergonomic handles and base plates.

2.   (Currently Amended) The cleaning device of claim 1 wherein said opposing ends of said projections each having free ends, said opposing ends having a cross section that is thicker at the connection of said opposing ends to said top segment than at said free ends.

3.   (Original) The cleaning device of claim 2 wherein said intermediate section having a bottom end defined by the connection of the intermediate section to said base plate and a top end defined by the connection of the intermediate section to the top segment, wherein:

said intermediate section having a cross section that is thicker at the bottom end than at the top end.

4.   (Original) The cleaning device of claim 3 wherein the opposing ends terminate at substantially a point.

5.   (Original) The cleaning device of claim 4 wherein the distance between the end of each free end is substantially the same as the distance between the top end and the bottom end of the intermediate segment.

6.   (Previously Amended) The cleaning device of claim 5 wherein said plurality of projections are arranged in an array having a predetermined number of columns and rows for securely gripping said cleaning member.

7.   (Previously Amended) The cleaning device of claim 6 wherein said cleaning member first side comprises hook and loop material.

8.   (Original) The cleaning device of claim 6 wherein said cleaning member first side comprises a scouring surface.

9. (Original) The cleaning device of claim 7 wherein said cleaning member has a second surface comprising a sponge and a third surface comprising a scouring pad.

10. (Original) The cleaning device of claim 8 wherein said cleaning member has a second surface comprising a sponge.

11. (Currently Amended) The cleaning device of claim 9 ~~wherein said handle includes a grasping means the top of which is one of:~~

    ~~i. a sphere; and~~

    ~~ii. curved throughout and configured in such a manner as to closely conform to the curvature of the inside of a grasping human hand;~~

wherein said grasping means is one of:

    i. integral to said base plate; and

    ii. removable from said base plate.

12. (Currently Amended) The cleaning device of claim 10 ~~wherein said handle includes a grasping means the top of which is~~ member including a grasping means the top of which is one of:

    ~~i. a sphere; and~~

    ~~ii. curved throughout and configured in such a manner as to closely conform to the curvature of the inside of a grasping human hand;~~

wherein said grasping means is one of:

    i. integral to said base plate; and

    ii. removable from said base plate.